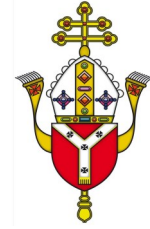


Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Monday 16th September 2019

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Dear parents and friends,

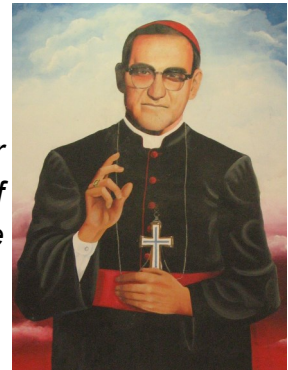
RESPECT

Wednesday 11th September Canon Pat led the whole school with our beginning of the term Mass. It was a lovely celebration. Canon Pat talked to us about being chosen, he spoke about our individual skills and strengths, he also asked us to be inclusive in all we do. He asked us to look at our own strengths and use these to support others. He highlighted our focus this year; respect. He reminded us the importance of showing respect to those around us and for ourselves. At the end of Mass we prayed to each class saint. Each class was given a candle which Canon Pat blessed and is now placed in each classroom. Over the next couple of weeks I will be sharing with you the prayers that were said to our class saints.

Year 6: Blessed Oscar Romero

O Lord Father of Mercy, who has bestowed on Blessed Oscar Romero the grace of being an exemplary shepherd at the service of the Church. Grant, Lord, that we may learn to live according to the gospel of your Son,

Blessed Oscar Romero, pray for us,



HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL: At Friday's assembly I announced the roles and responsibilities Year 6 have this year. They are ready and prepared for these responsibilities. They are aware that fulfilling these roles they are representing the pupils in the school and supporting myself and the staff. I am so pleased to announce Ethan is our head boy and Akua is our head girl. Franek our deputy head boy and Julia is our deputy head girl. Congratulations.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS: You should have received the class newsletter written by the teachers informing you about the term ahead. In addition to this, you are invited to attend the 'meet the teacher' evening Thursday 19th September. This is an opportunity for you to meet the staff members who are in your child's class, see the classroom your child is in and hear more about the curriculum for this year. The teachers are making their presentations at 3.30pm or 5.00pm. If you have a child in two classes across the school then please make both presentations. **Please note, Miss Lee (Yr 4) can only do her presentation at 3.30pm and not 5.00pm. If you can not make the presentation at 3.30pm and would like to hear more about the Yr 4 curriculum please arrange a time to meet Miss Lee.**



SIMS PAY

www.sims-pay.co.uk

SIMS Pay is now up and running. Please register with **SIMS Pay** as soon as possible and use it to pay school dinners. *Please see Mrs Beach for your personal pass code.*

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: This week you should have been informed the club your child is attending this term. Please make all payments as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, I have had to cancel a number of clubs this term and I apologise to the parents who signed up for these clubs. I have cancelled cookery club due to staffing. I sadly had to cancel Perform Drama, Yogabugs and Nature Science Club due to only a few numbers of pupils signing up. This has disappointed me as I am always striving to give the pupils within our school as many opportunities as possible.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS SILVER AWARD: I am pleased to announce we have been awarded the Healthy Schools Silver Award. Miss Simmons and Miss Figueiredo have successfully led the school in receiving this award. The award acknowledges the commitment we are making as a school to health and wellbeing of our pupils. Miss Simmons and Miss Figueiredo are now working towards the Gold Award.



MUSIC CERTIFICATES

It was an absolute honour to present Royal Academy of Music certificates to pupils who took their exams last summer. Congratulations to:

Alexandra and Sophia (Yr 4 when they took their exam) for Grade 1 violin

Melanie (Yr 6 when she took her exam) for Grade 2 viola

Daniel (Yr 5 when he took his exam) for Grade 2 flute.

JEANS for GENES.

**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES.**



Next Friday
20th September
we invite
your children

to come to school wearing jeans. (We do ask for the children to wear their school uniform or their PE T-shirt on the top.) We ask for a contribution of £2 which will be sent to the charity Genetic Disorders UK. This is an important charity for our school community. Genetic Disorders UK raise funds to support children affected by genetic disorders. For more information please go to: www.jeansforgenesday.org/our-work



Take advantage of your FREE Fit For Sport extended school club this September

Fit For Sport are so excited to be back at our school this year, delivering action-packed extended school care throughout term-time.

As a welcome back this September, our friends at Fit For Sport are kindly offering a FREE session to every child in the school to use from now until the end of the month.

To book your free session this month, simply email enquiries@fitforsport.co.uk or call Fit For Sport's friendly customer service team on 020 8742 4990 and quote 'Free September Session' to qualify.*

Note that this can only be used for one session during the month of September 2019.



As a school we are committed to keeping our pupils safe online. I would like to share with you the legal age of social media and gaming. I am aware there are so many websites and gaming websites on the web so here are only a few to share this week:

"WhatsApp have announced a change to their terms and conditions for users based in Europe. Users will now need to be 16 to use WhatsApp.

Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype.

Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content)." www.saferinternet.org.uk

"What age rating is Fortnite: Battle Royale? Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'." www.childnet.com

For more advice regarding Fortnite: Battle Royale please go to www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale

Turn your unloved clothes and shoes into cash for our school!

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT,
JOIN US AS WE...

RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL

[Read more](#)



Thank you so much to the families who have collected a bag which they have taken home to fill with unwanted clothes. We have already had bags returned. You have till 3rd October to fill and return the bags. Please remember by recycling with Michael you will help the environment by recycling your clothes, you will help the Salvation Army as 50% of the money raised will go to the Salvation Army and the other 50% will be raised for the school.

We wanted to let you know about an exciting new project we're discussing with the children this week. Today, we're announcing our involvement in a new campaign and competition which aims to raise much-needed funds for the school whilst helping others in our community. And we need your help.

This term, we're going to Recycle with Michael!

Facilitated by The Salvation Army's Clothing Collection service, this nationwide scheme aims to divert thousands of tonnes of unwanted items away from landfill, while educating our children about the importance of reusing and recycling.

So we're asking you to dig out those old clothes taking up space in your wardrobe, sort out the outgrown shoes, and fill the bags that we're going to be sending home with the children this week.

Plus, the school that fills the most bags in the county will receive a special visit from Michael, the recycling mascot, to present a trophy and certificate. Over the term, we'll be speaking to the children about the environmental impact of waste, and ways to overcome the issue, during assemblies and through fun activities in class.

It couldn't be easier to get involved. Simply:

Fill the bags with your unwanted clothes and shoes (no bric-a-brac please). Bags can be collected before school when the gates open or during breakfast club. If you need more bags please ask at Reception.

Return the bags containing your unwanted items by **Thursday 3rd October** and leave them at the front of the school. The Salvation Army will collect the bags and the money raised from the items will be shared with the school. The more bags we fill – the more cash we raise! If you're having a clear out, remember Recycle with Michael, and donate to a great cause.

We hope you'll help to support us and give your preloved clothes a new lease of life. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss the project with teachers or pop into the office for more information.



Key Dates for Autumn 2019

Year 1: Whole Class

Year 2: Maximilian and

Ina-Mae

Year 3: Leo and Mila

Year 4: Hollie and Ruby

Year 5: Alfie and Macy

Year 6: Marvel and Samira

Attendance

Congratulations to...

Year 1 for the highest percentage of attendance for week beginning 4th September 2019

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year 1: **97.4%**

Year 2: 94.2%

Year 3: 93.5%

Year 4: 88.9%

Year 5: 92.8%

Year 6: **97.2%**

Each week a number will be chosen. I will look at the attendance for all the children who is that number in the register. If the child has 100% attendance for the week their name will be placed in a pot. The name will be chosen out of the pot during Friday's assembly. The child will be praised in assembly and receive a Head teachers certificate. Last week's award for 100% attendance = Lisa (Yr 6)

September 2019

Monday 16th: Clubs start

Tuesday 17th: Year 6 visit to Buckingham Palace

Wednesday 18th: 2pm Year 1 library

Thursday 19th: 3.30pm or 5pm Meet the teacher

Friday 20th: Year 6 visit to Westminster archives and Parliament as part of their history curriculum

Friday 20th: Jeans for Genes fundraising

Friday 20th: 9.05am Celebration assembly—all welcome

Tuesday 24th: 2pm Year 2 library

Wednesday 25th: Year 4 assembly 9.05am

Thursday 26th: Year 6 trip to the Brompton Cemetery as part of their history curriculum

Thursday 26th: 9am coffee morning and welcome for our new Reception parents (class of 2019-20)

Friday 27th: Celebration assembly followed by a Macmillan Coffee morning in the school hall—all welcome.

Monday 30th: Year 3 visit to the Museum of London as part of their creative curriculum

Monday 30th: 2pm Year 4 library

October 2019

Wednesday 2nd: 9.05 Year 3 assembly

Wednesday 2nd: 2pm Year 3 library